(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). The National Water Policy states that the river basin be taken as a unit of development. In keeping with the policy, the Central Government favours setting up of Joint river basin Authorities for development of inter-State rivers. In type of Joint Authorities suggested are, however, required to come through the joint efforts of the State Governments and the Central Government. The issue of formation of Joint Control Board of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh came up for discussion in their bilateral meeting on 29.5.1991 at Bhopal. The concept was appreciated and the Uttar Pradesh Government agreed to react the proposal sent by Madhya Pradesh Government in this regard. In the meantime, it was decided to activate the existing Technical Committee.

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Emission of Coal dust from Bokaro Thermal Power Station

2353. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Coalfields Limited in Kathara Area of Bihar has made any complaint against the emission of harmful coal dust from Bokaro Thermal Power Station (Damodary Vally Corporation);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Parity Between Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Commodities

2354. KUMARI VIMLA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to maintain parity between the prices of the agricultural and non-agricultural commodities;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have sought the view of the Planning Commission in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). The Government had revised the terms of reference of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in 1980 to take into account the changes in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors. Accordingly, CACP take into account tne terms of trade, while formulating the recommendations on the price policy for major agricultural commodities.

LPG Agencies in Gujarat

2355. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are demands from Jamnagar district of Gujarat for allotment of more LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets;

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;